

Carmel Clay History Activity Book - The activity book, created in compliance with the Indiana Academic Standards, was completed in April 2003. 1,300 copies were given to third graders in public and private schools for the 2003/2004 school year. Schools will purchase the activity books in future years. Sales to dealers, banks, and other appropriate businesses in the area are encouraged for community distribution. The books are also available for purchase at the CAC Children's Art Gallery.

Promotion of Local Art Groups - The CAC promotes cultural enrichment through the support of local international arts groups such as the Indianapolis Chinese Show and Performance Group rehearsing in Carmel.

Chamber of Commerce - The CAC Executive Director serves on the Membership Committee.

Central Park - The CAC is also represented by the Executive Director on the Advisory Board of the Central Park.

Carmel Arts and Design Mural - The Carmel Arts Council is facilitating a mural design contest among high school art students. The winning design of the mural contest will be painted on the West side of the Antique Mall that faces the garden of the World's Smallest Children's Art Gallery.



Deven Spain Ficarra
Carmel Arts Council Executive Director

The Mission of the Carmel Arts Council is to support and promote the visual, performing and literary arts in the Carmel/Clay Community.



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CARMEL ARTS COUNCIL

World's Smallest Children's Art Gallery

Our gallery was the first art gallery in the Carmel Arts & Design District. The building was originally a wing from the 1875 Zina Warren home, moved to 30 W Main Street in 1973 for the nation's Bicentennial. It was donated to the city by Phil Bowles. The gallery was recently moved just two doors west of the Antique Mall to its new home at 40 West Main Street.

The CAC was formed in 1990 by then Mayor Ted Johnson to serve as a catalyst for cultural enrichment for the Carmel Clay Community. The Council has a working Board of Directors who help with special fund-raising projects, exhibits and shows. The CAC is devoted to enhancing the children's art of the ethnically diverse Carmel Community.

In January 1998, the Carmel Arts Council's Children's Art Gallery was formally opened by Mayor James Bruland with an exhibit of artwork by students, Kindergarten to eighth grade. The exhibits feature works by students in both public and private schools in the area. The gallery is open yearly September-May on Sundays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (excluding holidays) - and by appointment. All area schools are invited to show artwork. A reception precedes each exhibit opening.

Attendance in the gallery increased from 770 in 1998 to over 2,000 in 2004.



In September 1999, *The Guinness Book of World Records*

approved the status
of the gallery as
being the world's
smallest children's
art gallery!



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Cultural Exhibits - The CAC has sponsored an international cultural art exchange with our sister city Kusachinganpo, Japan and also with Changsha, Hunan Province, China. The city of Kusachinganpo is invited to exhibit again in 2006.

The English Silver Tea - This event is sponsored by Buckingham Companies in conjunction with the CAC. The event includes a silent auction and a presentation of unique English silver. Proceeds are used to fund scholarships for graduating high school seniors who are studying the arts.

Scholarships for the Arts - Each year the CAC awards two \$1,500 scholarships to Carmel High School graduating seniors who are pursuing degrees in visual or performing arts. The CAC will be adding a Literary Scholarship in 2006.

Carmel International Arts Festival - The CAC provides jurors for art selection in June and judges for Best Artist, etc., in September. Board members and the Executive Director chair several of the committees.

Friends of International Women in Art - The CAC is a partner in support of the FIWA, a young organization devoted to finding exhibiting venues for artists from abroad.

Young Performers Showcase - This annual event, held in March, began with 24 participants in its first year in 1997 and now boasts over 200 participants. The showcase of musical and performance talent, sponsored by the City of Carmel, Piano Solutions, and the Performing Arts Center, has expanded to the point where the event now extends for two days of competition. The variety portion, held at the Performing Arts Center, will remain a one-day competition. Three participants in the 2004 Performers Showcase performed at Carnegie Hall later that year.

Community By Design - This project began in 2004 and is conducted annually during the school year for fifth graders in the community. This program brings designers from architecture, engineering, interior design, lighting design, community and regional planning, and construction to the same fifth grade class once a month. Cheesy Tree was the first school to participate and Prairie Trace soon followed suit.

Historical Plaques - The CAC and the Carmel Clay Historical Society have formed a partnership to research historic buildings in Carmel and advise the city administration with the goal of providing plaques that detail specific information regarding the city's historic sites.

Veterans Memorial - The CAC continues to assist the Carmel Clay Veterans Memorial Corporation in development of a veterans memorial, including a sculpture, that will be completed in 2006.

Holiday on the Square - The CAC is a partner with the City of Carmel to conduct this event every year, held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Gazebo.

A Marriage of Art and Music - The CAC partnered with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra League for this project. The CSOL purchased violins and the CAC decorated them to 12 area artists who then painted the violins with creative concepts. Each was represented by a \$500 sponsor and presented at the fall fundraising auction that benefits the Carmel Symphony Orchestra.

